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## **CITY RECOGNIZED FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION EFFORTS**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** -- Preserving Glendale's history has long been a focus for the city and its residents. In 2003, the city's Planning Department developed the Historic Preservation Plan and brought historic preservation to the forefront of the city's planning efforts. In recognition of these efforts, the city has been presented with the Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Award.

As the staff liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission, Glendale's Planning Department has listed 218 additional historic properties on the National Register of Historic Places, 12-minute Manistee Ranch video, listed four additional historic districts, restored 13 historic homes, established the Myrtle Avenue Cultural Entryway with historic art features and is restoring a historic adobe building and service station.

Planning staff has also developed an extensive awareness program, including the Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award, National Historic Preservation Month, Annual Historic Bus Tour, articles, Bronze National Register plaque and interpretative plaque program, historic downtown banners and in conjunction with the Tourism office a 30-minute video "Glendale' Hidden Treasures."

Ron Short, FAICP, Historic Preservation Officer, commented, "It is exciting and rewarding to work with the Historic Preservation Commission to achieve designation and restoration of historic resources and to tell residents and



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visitors the stories of the people that built the city of Glendale”.

Since 1982, the Arizona Preservation Foundation and the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office/Arizona State Parks have collaborated to present the Governor’s Heritage Preservation Honor Awards. The awards recognize people, organizations, and projects that represent outstanding achievements in preserving Arizona’s prehistoric and historic resources. Ten award winners were introduced at the June 13, 2008 Award luncheon of the 2008 State Historic Preservation Conference held in Rio Rico, Arizona .

For more information about the city’s historic preservation efforts, visit

[www.glendaleaz.com/planning](http://www.glendaleaz.com/planning).

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